MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF GOA STATE CAMPA HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 3.00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FORESTS), SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM GOA

The 9th meeting of the Steering Committee, Goa State CAMPA was held on 14^{TH} September, 2015 at 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall of the Principal Secretary, (Forests) Secretariat, Porvorim. The meeting was chaired by Shri R.K. Srivastava Chief Secretary and the following members were present.

1.	Shri Ajai Saxena, PCCF	Member
2.	Shri Amarnatha Shetty, APCCF, Central	Member
3.	Shri. S. K. Aggarwal, CCF	Member
4.	Shri Philip Fernandes, NGO	Member
5.	Shri. Nirmal U. Kulkarni, NGO	Member
6.	Smt. Arti Chaudhary, DCF	Member
7.	Shri. M.K Shambhu, CF(C)	Member Secretary

Secretary (Planning) & Finance were granted leave of absence. Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and the matters as listed in the Agenda were taken up for consideration.

To begin with the Chairman desired to know the action taken on the observations of the Finance Secretary in the last meeting. It was informed that the delegation of financial powers of the State is being followed for implementing CAMPA works as decided in the last meeting. Suitable modifications have been made to the CAMPA Guidelines and the same is being submitted to the Finance Department for information.

PCCF further added that the Department has also made certain changes in maintaining the CAMPA accounts for better monitoring and timely reconciliation of amount received and disbursed under CAMPA. The Committee was informed of the decision to shift all CAMPA funds in an account in one Bank only; i.e Union Bank of India. To begin with Head Office account has been transferred to Union Bank of India. Subsequently, CAMPA accounts of all divisions will be shifted to nearest branch of Union Bank of India, which will be providing an accounting solution for CAMPA fund and its efficient management. Also, the powers to issue cheques after approval have been delegated by the PCCF jointly to DCF (Monitoring & Evaluation) and Assistant Accounts Officer.

Agenda 1: The minutes of the 8th meeting of the Steering Committee held on 19th November 2014 were discussed and as no comments were received from any member the same were confirmed by the Committee.

Agenda 2 & 3: The Action Taken Note on the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Steering were perused and the following were informed to the Committee –

a) The CAMPA accounts for the years 2009-10 to 2013-14 have been forwarded to the office of Accountant General, Goa.

- b) The Audit for the years 2009-10 to 2013-14 is completed by the office of Accountant General, Goa.
- c) Audit Report for 2009-10 and the Draft Audit Report for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 from AG Goa, have been received by the Department in August 2015. The reply to the observations for 2009-10 has been furnished and for 2010-11 & 2011-12 are under preparation.
- d) CAMPA accounts for 2014-15 are under preparation.
- e) Physical verification of equipments/ assets etc. under CAMPA is being carried out.
- f) The CEE has completed the Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA works for the year 2013-14. The report was placed before the Steering Committee for information.
- g) Expenditure under General APO 2014-15 which had an outlay of Rs 14.83 Cr, was Rs 5.12 Cr. Rs 3.06 Cr kept for Hostel Block at Forest Training School, Volpoi was not spent.
- h) Expenditure under interest component was Rs 0.58 Cr against the allocated funds of Rs 1.30 Cr

Agenda 4:

4.1 The General Annual Plan of Operations 2015-16 (Part I) amounting to Rs. 731 lakhs (Annexure-I) was placed before committee members and the same was approved after discussion.

Sr. No.	Item of Work	Outlay (lakhs)
1.	Afforestation related works	72.00
2.	Forest Protection & Conservation	213.00
3.	Wildlife Protection & Management	135.00
4.	Infrastructure	120.00
5.	Research and development	20.00
6.	Monitoring, Capacity building, IT and Communication	81.00
7.	Spill over works	90.00
	Total	731.00

General Annual Plan of Operation 2015-16

4.2 Similarly, the Interest Component APO 2015-16 (part II) amounting to Rs. 134.65 lakhs (Annexure-II) was put up before committee members for perusal and approval. After discussion and suggestion the same was approved for amount of Rs. 134.65 lakhs. The Expenditure items-wise details are as given below:-

Sr. No.	Item of Work	Outlay (lakhs)
1	Vehicles – POL	38.05
2	Vehicles – Maintenance (repairs, servicing)	19.75
3	Mobile charges	9.00
4	Maintenance of computers and accessories	3.50
5	Wildlife compensation	5.00
6	Wages (Hired support staff)	27.00
7	Accounting software	1.50
8	Miscellaneous	5.80
9	Printing of Books	7.00
10	Printing and Stationary	1.50
11	Refreshment	0.10
	Total	134.65

Interest Component APO 2015-16

Agenda 5:

5.1 Monitoring of CAMPA Works- The Committee was informed that the Executive Committee has suggested nominating Agriculture Finance Corporation Ltd. i.e Regional Center, National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board, (NAEB) Mumbai as external agency for Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA works of 2014-15. The MoEF representative and the Chairman advised to explore local institutes like Goa University, Polytechnic/Engineering Colleges for carrying out the monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA Works such as plantation, civil construction etc.

Agenda 6:

6.1 Status of CAMPA Funds: The position of CAMPA funds and expenditure was placed before the committee members.

A. Credit

- i. Total amount deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA, New Delhi 147.5023 Cr
- ii. Amount released between 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2015 by Ad-hoc CAMPA to Goa State CAMPA 45.4665 Cr
- iii. Total Interest Earned as on 31.3.2015 6.37 Cr

B. Expenditure

i. Year-wise expenditure against approved General APOs :

Years	Expenditure (<i>Rs in lakhs</i>)
2009-10	
2010-11	492.97
2011-12	613.06
2012-13	785.13
2013-14	612.88
2014-15	511.95
Total	3015.99

- ii. Other debit entries 1.3683 Cr
 - National CAMPA Advisory Council Rs. 1.12 Cr
 - Corp. flexi A/c (Mining Dept.) Rs. 0.25 Cr
- iii. Expenditure under Interest Component as on 31.3.2015 1.22 Cr

C. Balance

- i. Net balance in Ad-hoc CAMPA Account, New Delhi– 100.6675 Cr (*excluding Interest*)
- ii. Balance with the Goa State CAMPA as on 31.3.2015 15.30 Cr (*excluding Interest*)

Agenda 7:

7.1 Approval for appointment of support staff in CAMPA Cell- The Committee agreed to the proposal for engaging the following for day to day functioning of CAMPA Cell -

- i. Engaging of 6 DEOs beyond 9/1/2016 for another year through an authorized/ registered service provider.
- ii. Engaging a retired Accounts Officer for compilation/verification of accounts for the year 2014-15 and attending to the audit observations for a period of one year from the date of engaging.
- iii. Engaging of a retired Head Clerk for day to day functioning of CAMPA Cell for a period of one year from the date of engaging.
- 7.1 APCCF (Central) representing MoEF suggested that compliance of Letter No.15-2(0)/2015-CAMPA Dt. 20th April 2015 of MoEF is mandatory to claim further funds under CAMPA from New Delhi. In this regard it was informed to the Chairman that the compliances have been made and the progress made in this regard will be annexed with the minutes of the meeting. However, as the benchmark expenditure of 70% has not been reached under CAMPA, and we still have sufficient funds in State CAMPA, additional funds may not be required from Ad-hoc CAMPA New Delhi for implementing the current year APO 2015-16.
- 7.2 The Chairman suggested the following
 - a. Replies furnished to Audit for 2009-10 may be placed before the Committee in its next meeting.
 - b. The Steering Committee should meet at least twice a year. Once in March for approval of next year APO and once in October for mid-term review of the APO.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and all the members.

(Shri DNF Carvalho) Conservator of Forests (Conservation) & Member Secretary Steering Committee Goa State CAMPA